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INDIAN INSTITUTE OF BIO-TECHNOLOGY IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received a proposal from the State Government of Gujarat to establish a Indian Institute of Biotechnology; and

(b) if so, the response of the Union Government in this regard and other details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. Department of Biotechnology has not received any proposal from the Gujarat Government for establishment of an Indian Institute of Biotechnology. However, in January, 2003 the Hon`ble Chief Minister of Gujarat had written to the then Hon`ble Minister for HRD and S&T for the same purpose. Hon`ble Minister for HRD and S&T in his reply had requested the State Government to organise a meeting between the officials and experts of the State Government and the Centre. The said meeting is yet to be organised.